

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray for a motor vehicle, having a housing having a guide via which an ashtray is displaceably moveable in a drawer-type manner in the housing into an open position, and having a holder for a cigarette lighter that is mounted on the ashtray so that it can be moved into an operative position projecting upward from the ashtray, the built-in ashtray having a driving device that moves the holder during the displacement of the ashtray out of the housing upward into the operative position and downward during the displacement into the housing and a spring operatively arranged between the housing and a rearward area of the ashtray such that the ashtray is changed after the release of the locking from a moved-in closed position into a moved-out operative position,

wherein the spring is configured such that a spring force that acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray out of the housing is greater than an oppositely directed force component of an operating force acting in a plane of the spring force during inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

2. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring force is initially greater during movement of the ashtray into the ~~opening~~ closed position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

3. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings spaced from the holding section is supported in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

4. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring at the end-side holding section has a smaller bending radius than the area of a following portion of the band-type flat coil spring.

5. (*Previously Presented*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

6. (*Previously Presented*) Ashtray assembly for a passenger vehicle, comprising:

an ashtray housing,

an ashtray displaceable in said housing between a closed and open position,

a cigarette lighter holder carried by the ashtray and movable to a downward inoperative position when said ashtray is closed and to an upward operative position when said astray is open, and

a spring disposed between the housing and ashtray and operable to assist movement of the ashtray toward the open position,

wherein the spring is configured such that a spring force that acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray outwardly of the housing, is greater than an oppositely directed force component of an operating force acting in a plane of the spring force during inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

7. (*Currently Amended*) Ashtray assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the spring force is initially greater during movement of the ashtray into the ~~open~~ closed position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

8. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings spaced from the holding section is supported in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

9. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring at the end-side holding section has a smaller bending radius than the area of the band-type flat coil spring which follows.

10. *(Previously Presented)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

11 -17. *(Canceled)*